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THE REV. ARTHUR BAUER

Rev. Arthur Bauer, Associate Secretary of the Luther League of America touched down at Atkinson Field on March 2, 1955 to start the most eventful week in the history of the Luther League of British Guiana. On his own expense Pastor Bauer seized the opportunity of visiting the Luther League here after an official visit to Puerto Rico and with the wholehearted co-operation of the Church was able to have a hurried view of Luther League work in the Colony.

On Thursday March 3rd Rev. Bauer was the guest of the President of the Church, Rev. A. R. Bowen. He had a quick run of the East Coast Parish when he saw the Luther League Chapel at Le Ressenouvir. The next evening at 7 o'clock our visitor spoke in Georgetown at the first of three Rallies organised by the Synodical Luther League. Saturday was spent travelling to New Amsterdam and on Sunday Rev. Bauer preached at the morning service at Ebenezer and then addressed the second Luther League Rally of his tour. He later on met the Executive Committee of the Synodical Luther League in a formal meeting.

In the company of Rev. Dr. G. Gordon Parker, Rev. Bauer travelled to Skeldon and was guest speaker at the High School's convocation on Monday. Next day he went up the Berbice River with Pastor and Mrs. Magalee for the Rally at St. Lust and returned to Georgetown on Wednesday 9th March. On Thursday Pastor Bauer saw Sandhills the site of the Luther League Objective—a School and Hostel.

Pastor Bauer's stay was shorter than all wished for. He endeared himself to all he met and at the parting ceremony was presented with a Tray made of most of the woods of the Colony in appreciation of his interest and devotion to the Luther League. What he has done is more than can be gauged or measured. May God continue to bless him in his efforts to extend and develop His kingdom here.

NEWS OF THE BERBICE RIVER PARISH CONFERENCE

(Cont'd from last issue)

the people of Kimbia did what was only their duty and they were grateful for the fine company and inspiration which Conference brought to them.

Devotions were then led by Catechist Blair and Munro after which hands were clasped together as "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

ST. MARK, MaRetraite — The Following gifts have recently been presented and through this medium thanks and appreciation are expressed:

Mr. Floris Reid — 2 pews

Miss Caroline Cozier — 1 pew

Mrs. Grant &
Miss Williamson — center carpet

Miss Caroline Cozier — altar cloth

The Vestry and congregation regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. E. I. Daphness as a member of the congregation. He and his family will take up membership at St. Clement, Germania where they reside. Mr. Daphness was a foundation member of St. Mark and served on the vestry from its inception. He made a fitting speech as he took leave of the congregation and Councilman Quintas returned thanks for the kind service he rendered to St. Mark Church.

THE CHURCH COUNCILS

The following will guide the destinies of their respective congregations for 1955

Grace: Messrs Moses Williams, David Grimmond, Leonard Grimmond, Herman Leps, A. Kurtzious, I. Gladstone, Archibald Bell.

Reformation: Messrs. Arthur Boyle, Hilton Christopher, Vincent Barker, Manson Walker, William Morris, Charles Morris, Benjamin Gladstone.

Atonement: Messrs. Fred Smith, Harold Smith, George Christopher, Charles DaSilva, Nuburn Hercules, I. D'Andrade and Walter Taylor.

Mt. Hermon: Messrs. William Reece Wilfred Thom, Manny Fredericks, Joseph Adolph, Edwin Hercules, Ernest Shortt Nathaniel Sampson.

St. Paul: Messrs. Piercy Sauers, John Burg, Isaac Melville, Ezra Duggin, Joseph Vandenburg, Charles Hartman, John Reece

Mt. Carmel: Messrs Arthur Campbell, R. Depolity, Roderick Gomes, Dodman Campbell, Edmund Campbell, Edwin Stass Matthew Fredericks.

St. Mark: Messrs Phillip Quintas, John Elias, Isaac Murray, L. Elias, Fitz Mars Gerald Grant, Thomas Ferrell.

THE BLESSING OF TRACTORS

February 6, will remain a never-to-be forgotten day. Lutherans from St. Lust to Ituni gathered at Tacama for the Service of Blessing of two tractors which had been obtained through loans from the Credit Corporation.

Special programmes were printed for the occasion and Catechists Fredericks, Blair and Duggin assisted Pastor Magalee in the Liturgy. The Divisional Forest Officer, and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Dow were present along with the Forest Ranger, Mrs. Magalee played the organ, Catechist Blair and M. Dodman Campbell returned thanks to Government and to Mr. and Mrs. Dow for all they had done in the fulfilment of the people's dream. Mr. Dow suitably replied and urged the loggers to keep together for in unity there was strength. Mrs. Dow spoke a word of encouragement to the wives of the loggers.

The acquiring of these tractors will bring about the end of the old and tedious system of hauling logs by man-power or by oxen. It will considerably reduce the hours and weeks of heart-ache, disappointment and loss. They will also bring in a greater amount of profit for our people. All that is now necessary is that our men put all personal differences aside and work together for the common good.

An identical service was held the following day when another tractor was blessed at DeVelde. Here, Catechist Munro took part in the service and speeches were made by Mr. Alphonso Lindie and Mr. Herman Leps, after which ginger beer was served.

Honours—Reformation Church is to be congratulated on the fact that she brought first place in percentage of communing membership throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in B. G. Her percentage was 96. As a parish we came second place throughout the Church with 82%.

THE UPPER BERBICE RIVER PARISH

PASTOR H. C. MAGALEE

MT. OLIVET, In the presence of an unusually large audience, seven children of the school presented the pageant "Barabbas, the thief of Jerusalem." The children were trained by Mr. Basil Budhu, headteacher, and their colorful costumes were loaned by Miss R. Zartman. The caste comprised of Mervyn Luckhoo, Leila Duggin, Rena Thom, Masie David, Rita Wailoo, Alvaro Sarmento and Leslie Bobb.

So good was this presentation that the children were invited to stage the same in other places. In consequence they were engaged for five nights during Holy Week, and Easter Sunday night performing to crowded audiences at Mt. Carmel, St. Paul, Mt. Hermon, Atonement, Reformation and Grace.

They were well received at each place and each Catechist was full of praise for their splendid acting. Their company was enjoyed by everyone and they were well fed on chicken-curry, sweet potatoes, awaras, cookerites, sugar cane etc.

The following were received into membership by the rite of confirmation: Valerie Edwards, Norma Douglas and Stella Primo.

On Easter Sunday night under the direction of organist—Mr. Terrance Abrams a sacred concert was given in the Church. The artistes were well complimented for their splendid efforts and Mr. Abrams was thanked for his constant interest in the musical program of the congregation. The ladies of the choir were attired in their formal outfits—white cap and gown with green flashes.

The following took part in the concert programmes—Members of the Choir including Messrs. S. Roberts, T. Fredericks, D. Cave, and J. Cole. Mesdames J. Moore

P. Worrell, M. Ogeer, and Misses. M. Bowen, S. Johnson, V. Edwards, N. Douglas, G. Alexander, P. Seaforth, L. Edwards, and U. Thomas.

Mr. C. Jacob performed the duties of Chairman and the vote of thanks was moved and seconded by Messrs. J. Bishop and L. Rodie.

Since February our popular and well-loved Catechist Nathan Roup has been absent from duties and has spent nearly two months in the New Amsterdam and Georgetown Hospitals. He was the victim of cancer in his right cheek and only through the intelligent advice of Dr. Draper and the skill of his Surgeons in G. T. was his life spared. We would of course acknowledge the mercy and love of God in this matter and join with Catechist Roup in thanking Him for this safe deliverance. Catechist Roup has himself said that his sickness has served as a great spiritual experience to him and in one of his letters he has said "because of my serious illness I am now better able to speak of the love of God." We join with him in the hope that his life will be spared for many more years to speak of His love. (Up to the time of writing Catechist Roup is yet under medical care.)

We are very grateful to Mr. Basil Budhu and Mr. Terrence Abrams for their faithful and devoted leadership during the Catechist's absence. It was a most critical time and these men measured up to the tasks that were so suddenly trust upon them. Mr. Budhu, in addition to his duties as headteacher directed the activities of Church, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Luther League, Pageant Rehearsals, Mid-week Services etc.

A very fashionable wedding took place on April 13th when Mr. Alwyn R. Carr and Miss Lydia O. DeBritton exchanged vows at Mt. Olivet Church. The chancel was adorned with palms and flowers and the Church was filled to overflowing. The wedding ceremony was very impressive. Preceding the Service appropriate music was rendered for half an hour through a public address system and during the signing of the registers the choir rendered an anthem. The reception was afterwards held in the Recreational Hall.

MT. CARMEL, Ituni. Catechist W. A. Blair.

The privilege of holding a Service in the camps of loggers was experienced on Monday in Holy week when, in down pours of rain and in the darkness of night, loggers and their families gathered at Hoorooroo. These people live in very remote and scattered areas around Kibilibiri and Wakamukru but are now working together in the timber industry as a Cooperative Society. The Church now has an opportunity of effectively ministering to a long neglected people.

On Easter Sunday the following were received by confirmation into full Church membership at Mt. Carmel—Eric Reis, Ralph and Elaine LaRose, Roland Campbell Albertha Thomas, Robert Gomes, Winter Jackson, and Juanita Sauers.

History was created on March 14th when Mr. Aubrey Sauers and Miss Juanita Veveiros were joined together in marriage. It was, as far as can be ascertained from the records, the first time in the congregation's 55 year history that a marriage took place wherein man and woman had not previously lived together. It is a hard-won but glorious fruit of years of faithful witness. Both parties are bonafide products of Mt. Carmel. Aubrey has lived next door to Mt. Carmel all his life and Juanita, as a motherless infant was brought up in our Mt. Carmel Hostel. We thank God for this marriage and hope that it will prove an inspiration that will blaze a trail of many more blessed events.

"Matron McKenzie"—a name and a personality that in the course of time seemed to have become a fixture at Mt. Carmel is no longer there. The good lady—Miss Lydia McKenzie for the past 10 years served with dignity and efficiency as matron of the hostel. In these years no less than 10 to 20 children passed through her hands from term to term and hers was the task to care for them all. She cooked, mothered, disciplined and loved day and night, and in return, she too was well loved and respected.

At the end of the Easter term Matron McKenzie, because of failing health, tendered her resignation. The Church has lost a good and faithful worker, but, will for a long time to come enjoy the fruits of Matron's Service in the lives of the many children who came under her kindly influence.

We wish her many years of peace and joy in Christ Jesus.

The Logging Cooperative Societies of Ituni and Wakamukru made their first shipments of timber during April. The former shipped a raft of crabwood and kerati while the latter shipped a punt of greenheart and kabakali. The financial results indicate that the societies are on safe grounds and the men are exceedingly happy.

ST. PAUL, Maria Henrietta. Catechist C. J. Duggin.

Dodging the intermittent showers of rain on Easter Sunday a very large congregation came out for worship. Immediately after the Service, however, a prolonged shower held worshippers in Church nearly 2 hours.

The following were received into membership by the rite of confirmation—Ivan, Reece, Brian Vandenburg, Edward Molyneaux, Ruffin Alexander. The following by renewal of faith C. W. Vandenburg and Basil Sauers.

The Pig-rearers Cooperative Society received a loan from the Credit Corporation of \$ 950. for their contemplated activities. A consultant from the Agricultural Department will soon visit the district to give technical advice.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Leonora Reece and extend our sympathy to all the bereaved. She was a loyal and faithful member of St. Paul. During the last four years of her life she suffered a great deal in sickness. About a week before she passed away she received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and spoke of her confidence in the future.

A tragic blow came to the Hartmann family on Easter Sunday when Mr. Edward Adrian Hartmann died within fifteen minutes after being run over by a truck in a timber grant far up river. He had been absent for several weeks working as a squarer and his family were anxiously awaiting his return. He completed his work the Saturday before Easter Sunday and came out to the river side to seek a passage home. On Easter Sunday he was engaged with a search party for a woman who had disappeared. Upon returning, after a fruitless search, the truck struck a deep gut and Mr. Hartman was thrown out beneath the rear wheels. His com-

panions said that he stood up after the accident and with blood gushing from his mouth and nostrils he was heard to say "Oh my poor children." To these children—six of them and to his wife and other relatives we offer our deep sympathy and commend them all to the love of Him who promised be "a husband to the widow" and "a father to the father-less".

It was disappointing to the family that the interment had to take place at Kwakwani instead of Maria Henrietta. Only his wife and two brothers of the family were present but there was as large attendance at Church for a solemn and helpful service—a service that befitted one who had lived so fine a Christian life and who, all through his years, was a loyal and devoted Church-man.

We are grateful to Mr. C. W. Vandenburg for having begun a project of draining the compounds and building suitable dams. During the last rainy season great inconvenience was suffered by worshippers but when the present project is complete there should be no complaints.

Catechist C. J. Duggin has been granted three months leave commencing May 1st and we hope that he will have a fruitful and enjoyable holiday. His conscientious and devoted services will be certainly missed at St. Paul. Mr. David Baichan will act in Catechist Duggin's absence.

MT. HERMON St. Lust. Catechist C. C. Fredericks. Perhaps stung by the feeling that Mt. Hermon was about the only mission without a stelling, the men of the congregation got together on a project and made one of the best stellings to date. The Swan now moors with safety and every one is happy.

The following were presented for Confirmation on Easter Sunday:—Isabella Williams, Audrey Williams, Lionel Dehnert, John Robertson and Joseph Robertson.

We are happy to report the wedding of Mr. Hubert Molyneaux to Miss Zenobia Campbell on Thursday, April 14th. The bestman was Mr. Joseph Adolph and the bridesmaid Mrs. Irene Melville.

The Mt. Hermon Consumer's Coopt. Society has been established and Miss Beryl Douglas is in charge. The members

of the Logging Coopt, after an absence of two months, came home for Easter and under the leadership of Mr. Wilfred Thom are now back at work.

ATONEMENT, Ebeni. Catechist J. Bakker

For the first time a Sunrise Easter Service was held and everyone enjoyed it in spite of the showers of rain. The following were admitted to full membership by the rite of Confirmation:—Lorna Smith, Errol D'Andrade, Yvonne Taylor, David Taylor, Hapworth Thom and Winston Thom.

We welcome into our midst Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Wong who had been absent for more than a year. Mr. Joseph Taylor suffered a serious accident when his axe missed the mark and cut into the bone of his foot.

The engagement of Mr. Edward Barron to Miss Stephanie Stuffle has been announced and we wish them every success.

REFORMATION, Kimbia. Catechist O. Lalljee.

One of our stalwart members has been lost in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Morris the wife of Councilman Charles Morris. She had been ailing for a long time and a week before she passed away she incessantly asked for the Holy Communion. Having received it, she quietly passed away on Monday, February 14th. Mrs. Morris' life of devotion and loyalty will serve as an example to all who wish to walk the Christian road. She was always interested in the affairs of her church and when there was work she came out even when she was ill. She looked on no one and it did not matter if she had to work alone, her work was done. Her life upon this earth was full of troubles but she bore them with great Christian fortitude and strength. There are two sons and four daughters and countless friends who mourn her loss.

GRACE, DeVelde. Catechist J. F. Munro

Mr. Robert Kurtzious, a former Councilman and still an active member had to be rushed to hospital. Cancer was the trouble and one of his eyes had to be taken out. We offer our sympathy to Mr. Kurtzious, yet, rejoice with him that one eye was saved.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kurtzious and Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Lindie were received into full membership and we heartily welcome them

in our midst.

The De Velde Logging Coopt made their first shipment of logs a few weeks ago and the results were highly satisfactory. The Coopt is led by Mr. Alphonso Lindie and Mr. Herman Leps.

LUTHER LEAGUE RALLY IN THE BERBICE RIVER PARISH

The visit of the Rev. Arthur Bauer, associate secretary of the L. L. of America provided the opportunity for a unique occasion in our Parish. A Rally was held at Mt. Hermon Church and delegates, catechists, and teachers from all the other congregations took part. The "Swan" did the transportation and for the occasion she was bedecked with flags and buntings and fairy-lights. A four-foot L. L. Emblem stood above her roof while the delegates sported red, white and blue ribbons imprinted with the words "Rally Day"

Over a hundred persons attended the Rally which began with a procession from the school hall to the Church. Mr. Winston Duggin, Miss Audrey Williams, Miss Stella Lindie and Miss Theresa Gomes took part in the service and Pastor Bauer delivered an appropriate and inspiring address. He was presented with gifts of local handicraft, a monkey's tail and a toucan's beak.

The Rally was over at 5 p. m. but it was not before 2 a. m. next day that some of the leaguers reached their homes. Every one had a rich and memorable experience and we are very grateful for Pastor Bauer's visit.

THE BLESSING OF KIMBIA'S TRACTOR

While Pastor Bauer was in the Parish we took the opportunity of having him preach for the Blessing of the tractor of the Kimbia Logging Coopt. This was another big occasion. Scores of canoes and batteaux started out on the early morning journey in the beautiful Haraculi creek where the Loggers are working. A pleasant sight greeted the travellers. There were newly built camps standing on high grounds on the bank of the creek and in the midst of the jungle a new Fordson Major Tractor. The large congregation assembled in the open and Pastor Magalee conducted the

service. The official welcome was given by Mr. Frank Macedo, chairman and the Scripture Lessons were read by Mr. Arthur Boyle, chairman of the Consumers' Coopt and by Catechist O. Lalljee. Among the distinguished guests and speakers were the Forestry Adviser to the Secretary of States for the Colonies, newly appointed Conservator of Forest, Mr. E. Dow and Mr. R. Bagshaw Divisional Forest Officers of Berbice and Demerara and Mr. G. Phillips, senior officer of the Forestry. After all these men had wished good things for the Coopt, Pastor Bauer preached a challenging sermon.

BELAIR PARISH PASTOR E. GENE VOSSLER

The Belair Parish was happy to welcome trained Lay Reader Kyte Ramessar to service in the district. Mr. Ramessar will live in Le Ressouvenir, and will also assist in Church School work at St. Mary's Belair. Mr. Ramessar was installed at St. Andrews Church, March 13, 1955.

St. ANDREWS, Souvenir. The Congregation has been spiritually stimulated by the cottage meetings that are held weekly throughout the Parish. The pledge card and offering envelope system, introduced a year ago, is functioning.

Luther Leagues. The Intermediate League has been revived under the auspices of the Executive Committee of the Senior Luther League. Newly elected officers in the Senior League are:—

President	—	Robert Finley
General Sect'y.	—	Basil Jhaman
Treasurer	—	Latchman Ramsundar

The Church School is growing rapidly under the constant visitation of Layreader Ramessar.

REDEEMER, Campbellville The congregation is expectantly awaiting the construction of their new Church. Construction has begun on the new four unit Primary School, and the contract has been awarded for the parsonage. The Pastor and members are hoping that all three buildings will be completed by Harvest. With the apparent break in the rainy weather, there is a good possibility this goal will be made.

The Church School, under the leadership of Superintendent Richard Alli has been divided into three classes. The teachers are—Raj Persaud, Kay Francis, Bob Verasawmy, Ruth Rodrigues, Joseph Ramcharan, and Paul Persaud.

ST. MARY, Belair. The congregational Self Support and Missions goal for 1955 has been reached. Members are now pressing toward the goal of new altarware and appointments.

Church School, under the Superintendency of Mr. Dewan Persaud has been divided into four classes. Other teachers are—Lay Reader Ramessar, Elon Bhola, and Carmen Jetto. Through visitation by the teachers, attendance has greatly increased. The Parish Church School Training Class continues to meet weekly.

Luther League, under the Presidency of Roland Munro continues to show healthy progress.

Church Council, is continuing its lay visitation program. Junior and Adult Confirmation classes will be started after Easter.

NEW AMSTERDAM PARISH

PASTOR W. J. WOLFF

ST. TIMOTHY, Stanleytown.

Catechist A. Persaud Since you last read about this little Church situated in what is popularly known as "Last Town" many things have happened.

Eighteen months ago, the activities of this Congregation for the week was one Worship Service and a Sunday School. The Executive Committee saw the possibility of greater growth for this Congregation if served by a full time Catechist instead of a Student and so in September 1953 Catechist Arnold Persaud was transferred from Epiphany - Albouystown to this field

A Junior Luther League was started as an experiment and today has a membership of fifty with an average of thirty nine per meeting. This league is run solely by the Juniors and their President is Mas. Henry Godette.

In February 1954 the need for a Women's League was seen and in March one was organised under the Leadership of Mrs. Olive Dillon; from a humble beginning of six, this organisation has grown to a Membership of thirty-eight and has an average attendance of twenty-eight per meeting. A few weeks ago the First Anniversary was celebrated with a special service and Miss McDonald of the Canadian Presbyterian Church was the speaker and Mrs. W. J. Wolff was the Chair-lady. Other organisations were invited to send representatives and they all brought greetings. On the following day the ladies had a fellowship tea for the delegates and other guests; they certainly had an enjoyable time.

In January this year, we realise that a certain section of our congregation was left out of the activities of the Church, hence we saw the need of Senior Luther League. This was started under the leadership of Mr. Owen Godette and has a membership of twenty-five with an average of eighteen per meeting. Thanks to President S. Muttou and Vice President V. Munro of the Synodical Luther League who on the night of the organising of this group came and gave us some good sound advice.

What have all these organisations done for the life of this congregation?

(a) The total attendance of this congregation at worship for the month of March 1953 was 182

(b) for this same month 1954 the attendance at the worship services was .. 606

(c) The total offering for these worship services for the month of March 1953 was \$ 2.70

(e) The total offering for the same month 1954 was \$ 9.52

(f) The Confirmed membership of this Congregation in December 1953 was 21

(g) The confirmed membership of this congregation for this same month 1954 was 43

This all round increase is the result of an all round increase of activity. On Sundays there are two Worship Services and a Sunday School that was the second

argest Sunday School in 1954 for Lutheran Sunday Schools in British Guiana. During the week the Junior Luther League meets on Mondays at 5 p.m. On Tuesdays at 5 p.m. the Junior Confirmation Class is kept and at 7.30 p.m. the class for the Seniors. On Wednesdays at 5 p.m. the Women's League meets and on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. the Senior Luther League meets. Residents of Stanleytown! if you want a sound Christian Education for yourself and and children, send them to St. Timothy and be absorbed in the program

St. Timothy, true to his name and calling as an Evangelist has a Sunday School about two miles away—Glasgow Village. Membership 42 Average attendance 35.

The Junior and Senior Luther Leagues are now working on a pageant for Easter. "The Man of Kerioth"

SKELDON HIGH SCHOOL

Examination Results The good news have come that in 1954 Cambridge Senior Exam 10 out of our 11 students have been successful with one student getting Grade I and two getting Grade II. This is the best results that the School has ever secured and it makes the highest percentage in Berbice and one of the highest in the colony. Congratulations to the following students: Bhadrasingh (I); Edward Somwaru (II); Peter Palackdharry (III), Kamal Barran, Misba Shaffeeullah; Usuf Isahawk; Arjune Mohabir; Mohamed Alie; K. Ramcharitar and Edward James.

Fiedler Oratorical Contest. Subject for this Annual contest is 'What has Science done for mankind' and this being topical is invoking great interest and enthusiasm. Three

boys and three girls will be the finalists.

Visit. We were happy to have Rev. A. O. Bauer Associate Secretary for the Luther League of America on March 7. Accompanying him was Dr. Parker and there was a special convocation with many speakers. Chief emphasis was our new High School Building and Dr Parker showed the plans around.

Inter High School Matches Plans are now being completed, the weather permitting, for a Cricket Match with the Berbice Educational Institute and there will also be Table Tennis.

We are also looking out for the planned visit of Government Information Officer Mr. A. J. Seymour. He will also be able to see some of the use we make of the British Guiana Bulletin which the School gets every week through the Government Information Bureau.

GIVE ME THIS DAY

A little work to occupy my mind;
A little suffering to sanctify
My spirit; and, dear Lord, if thou
canst find Some little good that
I may do for thee, I shall be glad
for that shall comfort me. Mind,
spirit, hand—I lift them all to
Thee.....selected.

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